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for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes. The matter has been taken up with Government of Bhutan. The King of Bhutan has assured that Bhutan will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Delay in investigation by Liberhan Commission

1948. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an inordinate delay in completing the investigation by the Librehan Commission instituted to delve into the causes that led to the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in December 1992; and

(b) if so, the present stage of the investigation and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The proceedings of the Commission are in progress and the examination/cross examination of witnesses is still continuing. As per the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Gazette Notification No. SO-608(E) dated 29th June, 2000, the Librehan Ayodhya Commission of Inquiry is required to submit its report on or before the 31st December, 2000.

Protection of innocent people visiting religious places

1949. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide adequate security of police personnel at all places of worship in view of a series of bomb blasts at various religious places in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and